(c) and (d) Appropriate precautionary measures are taken to protect the inviolability of our borders.

Vacant post of Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

795. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a regular Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan between December, 1989 to March, 1990; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not filling the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) By virtue of Rule 3 of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Rules, Prime Minister in his capacity as Minister in charge of Education and Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme was the Chairman Subsequently w.e.f. 19-3-1990, the Minister of State in charge of Education was designated as Chairman.

796. [*Transferred to the 23rd May 1990*]

Evaluation of Bids for 155 MM Howitzer Guns

797. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1735 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the dates on which evaluation of bids for 155 mm Howltzer Guns including its live demonstrations, were first evaluated and the status of the respective bidders therein:

(b) what are the details of subsequent revisions in prices and specifications offered by the bidders: and

(c) what is the value of counter trade envisaged in the deals for purchase of Bofors Gun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) 1. 155 mm Towed Guns offered by the following seven parties were trial evaluated in India on the dates shown against each:—

(i) M-65 (Yugoslavia)	June-July 1978
(ii) FH 70 (UK)	March-May 1980
(iii) M 198 (USA)	April-June 1980
(iv) FH 77B (Sweden)	June-December, 1981
(v) GC-45 (Austria)	September-November 1981
(vi) M 114 (Netherlands)	March-April 1982
(vii) TR (France)	March-April 1982

2. A Delegation of the Army also witnessed firing/demonstrations of FH 70 (UK), FH 77B (Sweeden) and SG-45 (Austria) during its visits to these countries in June-July 1982 to verify whether certain modifications required to be carried out had been incorporated in the guns by the concerned firms. Based on these trials and demonstrations the Army Headquarters prepared a General Staff Evaluation Report on 31st December, 1982 in which the following guns in the order of preference were recom-

mended to the Government for technical/commercial negotiations:

(i) 155 mm TR (France)	Both for procurement ag well ag for Licence Production.
(ii) FH 77B (Sweden)	
(iii) FH 70 (UK)	
(iv) GC-45 (Austria)	For one time buy only and not for Licence production.

3. There were no subsequent revisions in the specifications of the guns offered by the above four bidders, except that the Austrian gun trial evaluated in India did not have an Auxiliary Power Unit. However the Austrians later demonstrated a gun with an Auxiliary Power Unit to the Army Delegation, referred to above.

4. The details of prices offered by the various bidders from time to time, are contained in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure no. 44]

5. The value of counter-trade envisaged is not less than half the value or imports contemplated under the Supply Contract and the Licence Agreement.

Killing of wild life

798. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the Wild Life Protection Act, there has been a constant rise in the killings of wild life in utter violation of the Act and that there is no adequate protection to the endangered species;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of rise in the wild life poaching in 1989, as compared to that in 1988;

(c) what are the species which are mostly killed by the poachers and the names of the States where killing of wild life is at the highest;

(d) whether Government have made any review regarding the adequacy or otherwise of the Act and the enforcing machinery to check killings of wild life; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the measures proposed to be taken by Government to effectively check poaching of wild life in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be placed on the table of the House.

(c) The name of animals which are killed by the poachers in large number are given in the Statement attached (See below). The name of the states with highest incidence of poaching of